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1. Cong. Olin Teague (D., Tex.) was debriefed here today by representatives of DD/I and DD/P following the Congressman's return from his trip to Russia, Prague and Scandinavia. Mr. Teague, who had been briefed here prior to his trip, had been told at that time [redacted]

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[redacted] The Congressman stayed away from Soviet officials as he had the impression from the Embassy in Moscow that the many Congressmen descending upon them had not created a good impression with Soviet officialdom because of their continued statements which are always interpreted as being those of the United States Government despite the fact that the members of Congress declare that they do not represent the Government. The same situation seemed to be prevalent in Prague.

2. I have delivered to Mr. Roger Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget for Legislative Reference, a copy of the DCI's letter of 18 August to Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, regarding the Agency position on a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence. Mr. Jones had before him the comments on the Smith bill, S.2614, on this subject as prepared by the Departments of State and Defense and wished to know our views before releasing their replies. He had also discussed the matter with Jack Martin of the White House in view of our comments to the White House on the Hoover Commission recommendations. Mr. Jones will not release the replies until he has talked to Mr. Lay in the National Security Council and others as appropriate.

3. I have talked with Mr. Reuben Efron regarding his trip to the U.S.S.R. with Sen. Russell and the general relationships arising out of the contact. Everything appears to have gone very smoothly and it appears to have been quite helpful to the Senator, who will return to the U.S. next week.

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